

State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Jim Runquist TME Asphalt Ridge 4526 Ridgeview Drive Eagan, Minnesota 55123

Subject: Conditional Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining

Operations, TME Asphalt Ridge, TME AR Lecy Mine, S0470088, Task # 1742,

Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Runquist:

The Division finds your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining for the TME AR Lecy Mine complete; however, prior to conducting mining activities the Division must approve the reclamation surety. The reclamation surety is determined to be \$20,700.00 for the 5-acre project if the surety is escalated to 2010 and \$22,300.00 if escalated to 2012. These amounts are based on average costs for similar-sized operations. You may choose which amount you desire to submit, but if you decide to use the lower figure, the surety will need to be modified in three years instead of five.

The Division forwarded an electronic copy of your notice to the Division of State History for a determination whether known cultural resources might be affected. We have yet to receive a response from them, but we will inform you of any concerns in this regard.

The definition of "on-site" in R647-1-106 says, in part, "A series of related properties under the control of a single operator but separated by small parcels of land controlled by others will be considered a single site *unless excepted by the Division* (emphasis added)." The proposed mine is in close proximity to the Cameron #1 Mine, but because you have submitted a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations that covers both of these areas, the Division has decided to make the exception allowed in the rules and allow the two sites to be permitted as two separate small mines.

Please submit the reclamation surety and reclamation contract within the next 30 days. No mining related disturbance may be created until the surety is received and approved, and you have received written acceptance from this office as well as other applicable agencies.



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The reclamation surety can be submitted in one of several forms, including cash (certified funds), an irrevocable letter of credit, a certificate of deposit, or a surety bond. Please contact Beth Ericksen at (801) 538-5318 or e-mail bethericksen@utah.gov for assistance in completing this requirement.

Thank you for your cooperation to help finalize this permitting action. In reply, <u>please</u> refer to file number <u>S0470088</u>.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

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